

PHARMACY ALERT

Formulary Coverage Update for Flu Vaccines 2018 – 2019

To: Alliance Contracted Pharmacies
From: Alliance Pharmacy Services Department
Date: October 26, 2018
Subject: Formulary Coverage Update for Flu Vaccines
Products: Medi-Cal, Group Care

SUMMARY:

Effective Saturday, September 1, 2018, Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance) will reimburse pharmacies for administration of the formulary injectable seasonal flu vaccine to all Alliance Medi-Cal members between the ages of 19 to 64 years old. For Alliance Group Care members, vaccines are reimbursed for members of any age in compliance with the vaccine package insert. Both **Alliance Medi-Cal and Alliance Group Care members have no copay for the flu vaccine.**

For Medi-Cal members under the age of 19, flu vaccines should be received from their local provider (through the Vaccines for Children [VFC] program). Children, who are Medi-Cal members, that come to a retail pharmacy seeking flu shot before their 19th birthday should be redirected to their primary care provider. Alliance Group Care members that are under the age of 19 may receive a flu vaccine from any contracted retail pharmacy that administers flu vaccines.

For Medi-Cal members age 65 years and older, flu vaccines should be covered through Medicare Part B. If the Medi-Cal member does not have Part B coverage, please call the Alliance Pharmacy Services Department to obtain approval before proceeding with claim processing.

Please note High-Dose (HD) flu vaccines are not covered by the Alliance. Exception requests should be submitted through the standard prior authorization procedures, which can be found at:
www.alamedaalliance.org/providers/pharmacy-drug-benefits/pharmacy-exception-process

To process flu vaccine claims and receive reimbursement the following fields need to be submitted:

- **Submit any amount greater than “0.00” in the Incentive Amount Submitted Field (NCPDP field number 438-E3)**
- **Submit “MA” for Medication Administered in the Professional Service Field in the DUR/PPS segment (NCPDP field number 440-E5)**

Referring Members:

Pharmacies not administering the flu vaccine should refer Alliance members to their provider or another pharmacy for processing and administration of the flu vaccine, as appropriate.

Questions? Call Alliance Pharmacy Services Department
Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm
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